

**In Philippines**

**Barbara Attends Governor's Party**

Barbara Moffitt, a Torrance High exchange student spending the summer in the Philippines, had the good fortune to attend a birthday party for the governor of Quezon last month, according to her latest letter home.

The gathering was held at the governor's mansion in Lucena, capital of Quezon province. Barbara attended the event with her Filipino family, which had an invitation because the mother is acting principal of Quezon High School. About 600 persons attended the party.

Barbara writes, "A special attraction during the entertainment was a song sung by this fantastic singer named Barbara Moffitt! The teachers made a special request that I sing, so unwillingly I did!"

"WHEN I was announced and everyone saw that I was an American (the only one there!) the place was so quiet I could hear Dad snoring in Torrance! I sang a Tagalog love song called 'Maalaala Mo Kaya' and after I sang the first line, everyone started applauding! 'It was then I discovered I'm a big ham because I really enjoyed singing! When I finished, they seemed pleased and then Gov. Alcala got up from his place, walked over to the microphone and congratulated me!"

Barbara says she was invited to tour the governor's mansion and later had her picture taken with him in the garden.

IN ANOTHER episode, Barbara writes, "Kuya Ed took me to court with him last Tuesday for a murder trial. It was really quite interesting since it was the first time I'd ever seen any court proceedings."

"What was most unique was the fact that they are conducted in English with a Tagalog interpretation. It was nice for me but rather frustrating for everyone else. I imagine, because everyone else understands both languages! The only reason they do it is to rule out the possibility that a person might be less fluent in English."

"ALSO ALONG legal lines is the way I've noticed the government here is run. Being appointed to a civil service position is extremely political. . . ."

"And everyone thinks only American politicians are assassinated! Last week, both the vice governor of a neighboring province and a judge were killed in separate incidents!"

Barbara is visiting the Philippines under the auspices of the American Field Service.

**Huntington-Hartford Does Its Own Thing**

There's a song in the musical "Your Own Thing" called "I'm Me (I'm Not Afraid)." And that's what this musical is all about.

Be yourself. Do your own thing. That's the message—and the way it's delivered is perhaps one of the great triumphs of the theatre.

"Your Own Thing" has been imported from off-Broadway for a six-week run at the Huntington-Hartford Theatre in Hollywood. And six weeks is unbearably short.

BASED RATHER loosely on Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," it begins with a shopwreck in which brother-sister twins Sebastian and Viola are separated. Each survives, but each believes the other to be dead.

Next scene, Illya, Viola has come to town to get a job with a rock musical group. She secures the job by posing as a boy (Charlie) and then Sebastian shows up.

But that's not all. The manager of the musical group (Orson) is in love with the owner of the discotheque where the group is playing (Olivia). Orson, however, is rebuffed and Olivia falls in love with Sebastian (who is sometimes Charlie).

The clincher comes when Orson finally realizes he's in love (somewhat unnaturally, he thinks) with Charlie.

TO DO "Your Own Thing," Zev Bufman, Dorothy Love, and James A. Doolittle have brought the original off-Broadway cast to Los Angeles.

Leland Palmer and Rusty Thacker star as Viola and Sebastian. These two youngsters are superb actors with a fine talent for singing and dancing—and this is a MUSICAL. They have just the right bounce and verve for bringing this satirical musical off in just the right way.

Marcia Rodd is cast as Olivia—and she, too, is perfect. Miss Rodd also has one of the best voices in the cast.

And don't be misled by the "rock musical" designation—there is plenty of good music in this score by Hal Hester and Danny Apolinar.

BUT THE SHOW belongs to Tom Ligon, who plays Orson. One of the highlights follows Orson's discovery of his "unnatural" love for Charlie (Viola). His frantic reaction to that discovery is easily the high point of "Your Own Thing." And when Orson accepts his own thing, it becomes even more hilarious and robust.

Apolinar is joined by John Kuhner and Anthony Travis to form the Apocalypse—the rock musical group which is the focal point for much of the production. This trio gives that extra meaning to such tunes as "I'm Me (I'm Not Afraid)," "The Now Generation," and the title



"YOUR OWN THING" . . . Leland Palmer (left) and Rusty Thacker are two members of the cast of "Your Own Thing," 1968's best musical, which is playing at the Huntington-Hartford Theatre. The original New York cast was brought to Hollywood for the production.

**Collision Fractures Boy's Leg**

A 17-year-old Torrance youth was rushed to Little Company of Mary Hospital Sunday night after the motorcycle he was riding was involved in a collision with a car on Anza Avenue.

Police said Donald L. Meyer Jr., 453 Calle Mayor, suffered a compound fracture to his right leg.

The collision occurred at 8:30 p.m. near Garnet Street when a car driven by Nancy Jo Hammers, 22, of Great Falls, Mont., backed out of a driveway onto Anza Avenue, police said. The victim, headed south on Anza, told police he was unable to stop in time to avoid the collision.

Meyer's motorcycle was totally demolished.

**Two Rings, Cash Taken**

A purse containing a diamond ring, a gold ring, and \$30 cash was stolen from room 109 at the Mariner Motel, 2450 Pacific Coast Hwy., early Tuesday morning while the owner was loading her belongings into her car.

The victim, Muriel H. Wilkinson, 44, of Costa Mesa, estimated the value of the missing items at more than \$2,000.

**Trips Awarded in TRW Good Government Program**

Five employees of the Systems Group of TRW Inc. have been declared winners in the company's "Good Government Sweepstakes."

Top prize, a trip for two to the national political convention of the winner's choice, was won by Leo F. Mardel, a staff engineer at TRW's operations in San Bernardino. Mardel and his wife, Ceila, are attending the Republican National Convention in Miami Beach.

Other prizes included three all-expense paid trips for two to state capitals in California, Florida, and Texas, and a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond. Olga Ortega of TRW's Space Park head-

quarters facility in Redondo Beach won a trip to Sacramento when the Legislature resumes its deliberations.

The sweepstakes drawing climaxed an employee contribution fund drive conducted under the TRW Good Government Program. The five winners were among more than 1,400 employees who contributed to candidates or political parties of their choice during the fund drive.

Political contribution campaigns were initiated at TRW in 1964. In endorsing the recent fund drive, according to Dr. Richard D. DeLauer, vice president and general manager of TRW Systems Group.



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Students entering college for the first time in the fall are eligible as well as currently enrolled students. Last day to file a request for admission is August 23.

song, "Do Your Own Thing." Equally effective is the technical work. Projections of mod colors and scenes on the stark white set give added dimension to the play.

AND THERE is ample and effective use of projections of such notables as John Wayne, Pope Paul, Shirley Temple, Humphrey Bogart, Michaelangelo's God, a couple of Buddhas, and the Bard himself. The biting commentary of these projected images touches almost everything sacred in organized society—and truthfully, too.

Donald Driver, who provided the book, directs the production and Cubby O'Brien directs the combo from behind the stage.

The entire production runs a little less than two hours—there's no intermission.

"Your Own Thing" is easily the best thing to his Los Angeles this year—if not in several years. Don't miss it. —JERRY REYNOLDS

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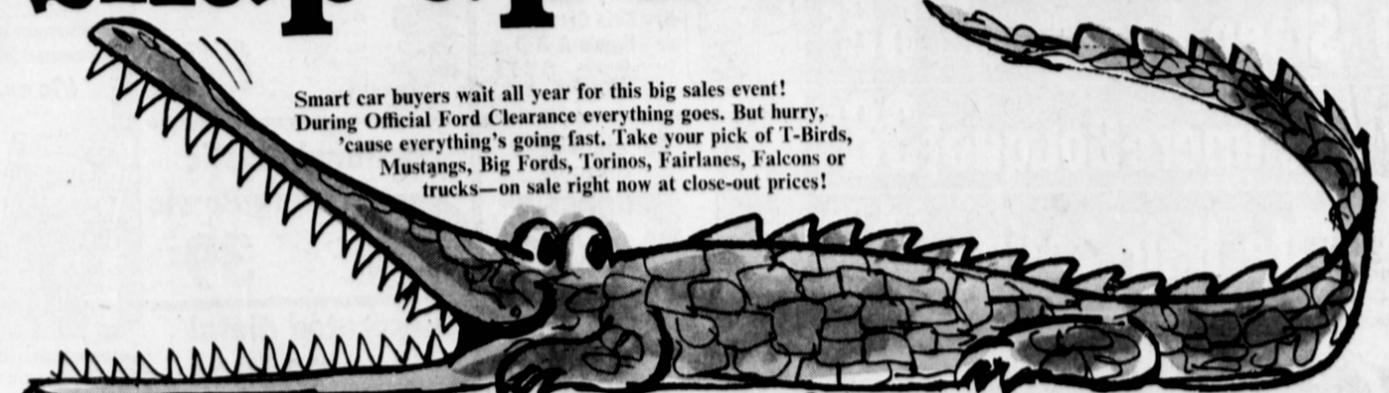
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